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**Letter dated 7 July 2010 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of Ethiopia to the United Nations addressed to
the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to transmit herewith, in my delegation's capacity as the current Chair of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), for information purposes, the attached communiqué of the fifteenth Extraordinary Summit Meeting, held in Addis Ababa on 5 July 2010, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Chairperson of the IGAD Assembly, regarding the political and security situation in Somalia. It would be greatly appreciated if you could circulate the communiqué as a document of the Security Council (see annex).

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**Annex to the letter dated 7 July 2010 from the Chargé d'affaires
a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia to the United Nations
addressed to the President of the Security Council**

**Communiqué of the fifteenth extraordinary session of the
Intergovernmental Authority on Development Assembly of Heads
of State and Government on Somalia**

Addis Ababa, 5 July 2010

The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Assembly of Heads of State and Government held its fifteenth Extraordinary Summit Meeting in Addis Ababa, on 5 July 2010, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Chairperson of the IGAD Assembly, to consider the political and security situation in Somalia. The Assembly was attended by: H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda; H.E. Omar Hassan El Bashir, President of the Republic of Sudan; H.E. Ismael Omar Guelleh, President of the Republic of Djibouti; H.E. Mwai Kibaki, President of the Republic of Kenya and H.E. Sheikh Sharif Sheikh Ahmed, President of the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia.

H.E. Seyoum Mesfin, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia and Chairperson of the IGAD Council of Ministers, briefed the Assembly on the decisions reached by the thirty-sixth IGAD Council of Ministers, held on 15 June 2010. The Hon. Kipruto Arap Kirwa, IGAD Facilitator for Somalia, briefed the Assembly on the IGAD military expert's mission to Mogadishu, which was undertaken pursuant to the decision by the thirty-sixth session of the IGAD Council of Ministers. The Assembly also received briefs from the President of the Transitional Federal Government, H.E. Sheikh Sharif Sheikh Ahmed, on the current political and security situation in Somalia.

The Summit:

Having taken note of the decisions and recommendations made by the thirty-sixth extraordinary session of the IGAD Council of Ministers, as reflected in their communiqué of 15 June 2010,

Having taken note of the report of the IGAD military expert's mission to Mogadishu,

Considering the brief by the President of the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia and his appeal for urgent support and assistance to build the capacity of the Transitional Federal Government security forces,

Recalling the previous decisions of the IGAD Assembly of Heads of State and Government and the Council of Ministers on Somalia,

1. **Notes with serious concern** the deteriorating security situation in Somalia, which poses a serious threat to the peace, security and stability of the people and the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia, the region and the international community;

2. **Reiterates** the commitment and resolve of IGAD member States to give unwavering support and assistance to the Transitional Federal Government in its struggle against extremist and terrorist groups;
3. **Underlines** that the conflict in Somalia is not a conflict among the Somalis but between the people of Somalia and international terrorist groups;
4. **Emphasizes** the need for an urgent and robust response by the international community, led by the United Nations Security Council, to arrest the escalating danger facing Somalia and the subregion and **reiterates** its previous call to the United Nations to convert the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) into a United Nations peacekeeping operation without delay;
5. **Decides** that a sustainable and reliable funding mechanism shall be established and managed jointly by AMISOM, the United Nations Political Office for Somalia (UNPOS), IGAD and the Transitional Federal Government for the sustainment of the security forces upon development and deployment in Somalia;
6. **Calls upon** the African Union to relocate as soon as possible the civilian and police components of AMISOM to Mogadishu;
7. **Regrets** that the approved level of AMISOM troops has not been achieved thus far; and **decides** to deploy 2,000 peacekeepers under AMISOM to Somalia immediately; and further **calls upon** the African Union Commission to mobilize the necessary resources, logistics and equipment for the deployment;
8. **Decides** to work with all parties, including AMISOM and the United Nations Security Council, to raise 20,000 troops to be deployed throughout the country. In this regard, the summit **embraces** the need to mobilize Somali forces internally, with possible intervention by neighbouring countries, including approaching the East African Community, and empowering them with resources and equipment;
9. **Endorses** the recommendations of the military mission to Somalia, as amended; **directs** the Chiefs of Defence Staff of IGAD member States to convene an urgent meeting and submit to the African Union Commission an action plan to deploy 2,000 peacekeepers to Somalia to enable AMISOM to reach the authorized strength of 8,100, and to review and implement, as appropriate, the recommendations made by the IGAD military mission to Somalia;
10. **Directs** the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers and the IGAD secretariat to make the necessary arrangements for the convening of the meeting of the IGAD Chiefs of Defence Staff;
11. **Decides** to render support to the Transitional Federal Government security institutions by, inter alia, training troops and trainers, establishing joint command and providing experts;
12. **Directs** the IGAD secretariat to strengthen its office in Mogadishu within 15 days and **calls upon** AMISOM, UNPOS and IGAD to establish, in Mogadishu, an operational-level coordination mechanism to strengthen and harmonize their support to the Transitional Federal Government in the areas of training, establishment of command and control structure;

13. **Expresses** appreciation to the partner countries and organizations that are currently providing financial, material and technical assistance to the Transitional Federal Government and **calls upon** them to enhance and sustain their support;

14. **Welcomes** the agreement signed between the Transitional Federal Government and Ahlu Sunna Wal Jama'a on 15 March 2010 in Addis Ababa and encourages the parties to realize the full implementation of the agreement;

15. **Encouraged** by the commitment of the leadership of the Transitional Federal Government, **urges** Transitional Federal Institutions to enhance their cohesion and unity in the face of the enormous challenges that Somalia is currently facing and in order to make progress in the accomplishment of the numerous tasks envisaged for the transitional period;

16. **Calls upon** the Chairperson of the African Union Commission to appoint an eminent person to lead the campaign for peace in Somalia. The eminent person shall be at the apex of a coordination mechanism towards reconstituting and building the State of Somalia and raising the profile of the country internationally;

17. **Calls upon** the international community to continue assisting refugees, internally displaced persons and victims of violence;

18. **Affirms** that the Djibouti process remains the sole basis for peace and reconciliation in Somalia and **rejects** the proliferation of initiatives inimical to the swift resolution of the crisis in Somalia; **urges** the Transitional Federal Government to continue the efforts it has been making to broaden its base while ensuring that the process is protected from the threat posed by extremists, whose major effort includes the dismantling of the Djibouti process;

19. **Calls upon** African Union member States that have not contributed troops to render financial and material support to Somalia;

20. **Having listened** to a brief by H.E. Ismael Omar Guelleh, President of the Republic of Djibouti, on the mediation efforts by Qatar between Djibouti and Eritrea, decides to encourage the positive developments and also underscore the necessity for Eritrea to carry out all of its obligations under United Nations Security Council resolution 1907 (2009);

21. **Decides** to remain seized of the matter.

Issued this 5th day of July 2010, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.